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Attorney Docket No.: 2102-4389.1US

Serial No.: 11/981,901

Filing Date: 10/31/2007

Title: METHOD OF USING SPINAL NEEDLE ASSEMBLIES

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Serial No.: 10/611,667

Filing Date: 7/1/2003

Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR SENSING AND COOLING  
DURING APPLICATION OF THERMAL ENERGY FOR  
TREATING DEGENERATIVE SPINAL DISCS

Attorney Docket No.: 2102-6854.1US

Serial No.: 12/084,529

Filing Date: 9/16/2008

Title: REINFORCED CATHETER WITH ARTICULATED DISTAL TIP

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Title: ABLATION INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED METHODS

Attorney Docket No.: 2102-7696US

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Title: CATHETER CONNECTION HUB

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Title: FLOW ELEMENTS FOR USE WITH FLEXIBLE SPINAL  
NEEDLES, NEEDLE ASSEMBLIES AND METHODS THEREFOR

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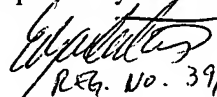
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